





The Redlands Christian Migrant Association will open a new day care center in Okeechobee Center this summer. An open house was held Wednesday, May 10 to show the new facility to the community. Shown, front row, from left to right are Judy Burleson with RCMA, Lucy Bartlett, USDA State Director and Betty Nelson with RCMA. Back row, from left are Greg Caruthers, USDA Manager, Robert Hooker, Housing Authority board member, Alan Sullivan Housing Authority Executive Director, George Burch, board member and Barbara Mainster with RCMA.

## New owners at A-Won Trophies, Etc., Inc.

New owners have taken over at A-Won Trophies, Etc., Inc. in Belle Glade.

Ed Robertson and Frank Ison

re-opened the business, which used to be owned by the late Harvey Lemons, who passed away last year.

Located at 417 N.W. 16th Street, Suite 1B, the business specializes in designing trophies, plaques, awards and engraving.

Mr. Robertson said they plan to expand the business to include selling uniforms, shirts and screened prints.

A-Won Trophies, Etc., Inc. is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment anytime.

"We're glad to be part of the community and promise quality workmanship for our customers," said Mr. Robertson.

June Lemons, wife of the late Harvey Lemons, said, "I will be assisting them in the initial operation of the business to assure that they will be able to provide the same high quality workmanship and service that Harvey provided to you for so many years and I encourage everyone to continue trading with A-Won Trophies, Etc. Inc."



Ed Robertson (left) and Frank Ison are the new owners of A-Won Trophies, Etc., Inc., located in White 715 Plaza at 417 N.W. 16th Street. Ed and Frank invite Glades residents to stop by and see them and let them help with any trophies, plaques or other items they may need.

## Affordable Housing opens at Villa Lago

The planned community of Villa Lago is holding an open house on Saturday, May 20 for all area residents interested in owning their own home. Developed by Centro Campesino Farmworker Center, Inc., a non-profit community development corporation, the South Bay village has 85 single-family homes available with as little as \$1,000 down and monthly payments averaging \$550.

Free food and entertainment will be provided as the public is invited to tour a model home and learn more about home ownership at Villa Lago and the application process. Low interest mortgages and mortgage assistance are available for qualified applicants. Housing counselors will be available to assist potential home buyers

in obtaining a mortgage.

"We invite all those who have dreamed of owning a home, but never thought they could qualify to come out and take a look at our community," said Chris Talcott, director of Rural Housing for Centro Campesino. "We specialize in helping farmworkers and other low income families buy their first home," he added.

Villa Lago offers single-family homes with central air conditioning, brand new kitchens, including dishwasher and disposal, and ceramic tile baths. There are 2, 3, and four bedroom models to choose from with roomy yards and landscaping.

This newly re-vitalized housing development was made possible by a grant from U.S.

Sugar Corporation, former owner of the housing community, so that Centro Campesino could renovate the houses and offer affordable homes for families. The company also provides a \$3,000 credit to its employees upon purchase of a home that can be applied to closing costs or custom upgrades.

"We are pleased to be able to assist Centro Campesino in helping local families realize their dream of home ownership. The Glades area needs more affordable housing communities and neighborhoods like Villa Lago," said Nelson Fairbanks, president and CEO of U.S. Sugar.

For more information, contact the office of Centro Campesino at 996-3988.

## USDA to purchase domestic sugar, reduce cost to government

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman announced May 11 that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) will buy domestic sugar to reduce the cost of expected sugar program loan forfeitures, support sugar growers, and help stabilize low market prices. The CCC will seek to buy approximately 150,000 tons of sugar, at least 75 percent of which will be refined sugar.

"We are acting to help address dramatically low sugar prices," Secretary Glickman said. "By buying U.S. sugar now, we expect to save as much as \$6 million in administrative costs that the government must otherwise incur from expected loan forfeitures later this summer."

Domestic prices that U.S.

sugar producers receive have fallen 25 percent over the past year due to excessive supplies of sugar. Good weather, productivity improvements, expanded plantings, and increased imports of sugar from other countries contributed to the oversupply of sugar. In taking this short-term action to discourage forfeitures and reduce CCC costs, however, Glickman also challenged the sugar industry to reform its program.

"We expect the sugar industry to rapidly develop conservation and production options that can form the basis of a sustainable sugar policy," Glickman said. "Simply relying on continued government purchases over the longer term is neither feasible nor realistic."

In addition, Glickman urged

sugar growers and processors to voluntarily increase their participation in USDA's Conservation Reserve Program.

"Enrollment would not only help the industry but improve environmental quality for all Americans," said Glickman.

The CCC's action will remove excess sugar from the market, helping to stabilize prices and prevent the costly forfeiture of sugar pledged as collateral under the CCC's loan program.

The CCC will purchase the sugar using its authority under the cost reduction option of the Food Security Act of 1985. The CCC plans to store the purchased sugar and will not sell it back into a depressed U.S. sugar market.

Additional purchases may occur in the future, depending on price and market conditions.

## Open house held for new day care center at Okeechobee Center

The Redlands Christian Migrant Association will be opening a new addition to their day care center in Okeechobee Center this summer.

Belle Glade Housing Authority Executive Director Alan Sullivan said about 40 additional children will be served at the facility, in addition to the 70 children currently served.

During an open house held Wednesday, May 10, Mr. Sullivan said, "Getting this facility built has been a long, hard battle, but it's finally done."

Lucy Bartlett, State Director for USDA, who oversaw a grant for the program, said, "We want to be here with you on these projects. This is what we're here for. I can't think of a better thing to invest in than a day care center."

Mr. Sullivan gave a brief his-

tory of the Belle Glade Housing Authority. He said it was created in 1938 during President Franklin Roosevelt's administration. Eleanor Roosevelt came to Belle Glade for the opening ceremonies in 1938.

The federal government operated the authority until 1947 when the Housing Authority of Belle Glade was created. The authority then established a board of local citizens to oversee the operation of the authority.

"The local housing authority began working with USDA and FmHA in 1968 and since that time has received millions of dollars in low interest loans and grants to build homes in Okeechobee and Osceola centers."

"As a matter of fact," said Mr. Sullivan, "all current housing was built with USDA funds."

In 1968, the housing authority had 310 units in the two centers. In 1982, 187 additional units were added and in 1988, an additional 98 units were built. In 1990, 91 units were added and sewer improvements were made. This is also when the day care center was added, which is operated by Redlands Christian Migrant Association.

Mr. Sullivan said the current addition to the day care center is part of a \$2.8 million project, of which \$774,000 was a grant.

Attending the open house were members of the board, workers who had helped build the facility, representatives with RCMA and officials from USDA.

## OPEN HOUSE at Villa Lago



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## Moderation may be the key ... but parental supervision is vital



Katrina Elakin  
Contributing Editor

An article in the May edition of "Redbook" magazine discusses whether to not it is safe to let a child have a sip of beer or wine.

The pediatrician interviewed gave the opinion that a sip of beer or a taste of watered-down wine isn't enough to hurt a child. Letting a child have a

taste may also take away the lure of the "forbidden," he added.

While all that may well be true, the article reminded me of an investigative series I wrote in 1992, on childhood alcoholism. While researching that series, I interviewed a pediatrician who told me the sad story of a toddler who died of alcohol poisoning.

The little one was sometimes given a "sip" of beer or wine by parents or relatives. Everyone thought it was cute.

One night the parents had a party at the house and no one

kept track of just how many "sips" the little one got from different people. They also didn't notice the child helping himself to unattended drinks.

When the child fell asleep, no one thought anything was wrong.

It wasn't until later, when the mother couldn't wake him, that they took him to the emergency room. But it was too late. There was so much alcohol in the child's bloodstream that it was fatal.

Children have a very low body weight, the doctor told me. It doesn't take much alco-

hol to be too much for them.

Unfortunately, the physician added, that story is not an isolated case.

Children and alcohol can be a very dangerous mix. While most kids won't drink much of a beverage they don't like, they'll down sweet drinks such as wine coolers or drinks mixed with cola. Anyone who has young children knows that kids don't always notice just whose cup they are taking, especially if they are thirsty.

Remember, some children are more sensitive than others to drugs - alcohol is a drug.

Whether or not you let your kids have a "sip" of alcoholic beverages is a choice you make as a parent, after discussing it with your pediatrician.

But whenever kids are in a place where alcoholic beverages are available, there is no substitute for parental supervision. If the child is allowed to have a "sip," it is up to the parent to know exactly how many "sips" the child swallows. It could make all the difference. Before making any changes to your - or your child's - diet or exercise plan, check with your doctor.

## ER Chronicles: "I ran out of medicine," he said



Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

By Arlen R. Stauffer, MD  
"Come on in," Dr. Tammy Cortez motioned to the elderly man standing in the doorway. "Come sit over here." The man's dark eyes peered from below his white disheveled hair. He looked around, then slowly moved into the room, his shoulders hunched forward, a cane in his shaky right hand.

"Is this..." He stopped, not sure just how to phrase his question. "Is this...that clinic?" "This is the Ocean's Volunteer Clinic," a nurse responded. "My name is Phil. I'm the nurse working here today with Dr. Cortez."

"Uh huh," the old man responded. He scratched a week's worth of beard stubble under his chin. "Well..."

"What can we help you with today, sir?" Phil saw an opportunity to go straight to the point. "Are you having some kind of problem today?"

The old man approached Phil's small desk. He looked over at the physician in the other corner of the room. She

was sitting on a wooden stool talking with a young woman. She nodded and smiled in his direction.

"Well, I haven't had my medicines for a few days," He hesitated, and his eyes dropped down to the floor. "I ran out of them, you know?"

Phil understood. "Here. Sit down here, and let's figure out what you'll need," Phil said.

As Phil began asking more questions, the old man began relaxing more. He managed a small smile when Phil confirmed that there were some from medicine in the clinic closet.

"Wow! That blood pressure is pretty high," Phil reported as he removed the inflatable cuff from the man's arm. "You really do need to be on that medicine."

"I know," the man said softly, "but I just haven't...well, you know."

"I understand, sir," Phil and the other volunteers at the clinic welcomed several patients each week who had nowhere else to go for their primary medical care.

No money, no local doctor, no insurance: a repetitive, familiar story for the clinic staff.

With the clinic form that listed the man's medical history

and the medicines he used to take, Phil moved him to the chair beside Cortez.

"Hi, I'm Dr. Cortez," she said as she extended her hand. "We're going to try to help you out here."

The man shook her hand, then sat in the chair. He was feeling more secure now, and felt that these clinic folks really would help him out.

Within a few minutes, Cortez had finished her evaluation, and she was reaching into the drug closet, searching for the blood pressure medicine that this man needed.

"Ah, here it is," she said as her fingers closed around several small boxes on the top shelf.

She pulled the sample boxes down onto the table, and began counting out the tablets.

"Here. This should be enough to take care of you for the next month or so."

Cortez popped one tablet out of the foil pouch and handed it to the man.

"Take this one now. We want to get that blood pressure under control."

The old man complied with her request. He swallowed the rest of the water from the cup, and smiled at Cortez.

"Thanks," His voice cracked.

There will be door prizes and refreshments and everyone is invited to attend.

### Praise "N the Park" 2000

Pahokee Church of God will present Praise "N the Park" 2000 on Saturday, May 20 at noon at the Martin Luther King Park in Pahokee.

The community is invited to attend.

### Awards Convocation

The faculty and staff of Glades Central Community High School invites the public to their Honors and Awards Convocation on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Anyone who has a scholarship they would like to present should contact Ms. Yolanda D. Smith at 993-4462 or at home at 996-0505 before Friday, May 19.

### Listen To Children

The Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County invites residents of the Glades to become a volunteer in their Listen to Children program.

Volunteer listeners spend 2 1/2 hours per week in a local elementary, middle, or preschool, helping children develop problem solving skills and increasing self-esteem.

No experience is required. Training will be conducted in Belle Glade soon.

Anyone interested in participating should call the Mental Health Association at 561-832-3755.

### Women's Seminar

Pastor Johnny Johnson, pastor of the Inspirational Church of God, 185 S.W. 6th Ave., South Bay, invites the public to their annual Women's Seminar May 18-19 and May 21. The event will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, May 21 at 11 a.m.

### Summer Reading

All children are invited to participate in the free Summer Reading Program Kick-off party, Wednesday, May 31 at 1:30 p.m. at the Belle Glade Branch Library.

The party will feature ventriloquist Dan Christopher, Orville the Monkey and his puppet friends, mixed with music and audience participation.

There will also be craft activities, contests and participants can register for the Summer Reading Program.

For more information, please call the library at 996-3453.

### Conference

Acting On the Vision will be hosting a regrouping and rejuvenation conference on June 23 and 24. The location and time has yet to be determined.

The entire Glades community is invited to participate.

For more information, contact Brenda Thomas, A.O.V. coordinator, Jermaine Webb, or Marian McGhee at 992-9500.

afford to buy the medicines prescribed to them.

Some of these patients go without their medicines, putting them at risk for all of the complications of untreated heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, etc.

In some communities, some form of subsidized or even free/volunteer health care is available. However, in many locations in this country, no such programs exist.

Hospital emergency departments are the final safety net in this country for patients who develop the complications and problems associated with such misfortune.

Every day, 24 hours per day, the ER is there.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. [www.fecp.org](http://www.fecp.org)

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#### Farm Safety Day Camp

The Palm Beach County Extension Service will be conducting a Progressive Farmer Farm Safety Day Camp on May 20 at Hardin Park in Pahokee. Kids from around the Glades area will gather for a day filled with sessions on topics from firearm safety to canal and water safety. Not every child in the Glades lives on a farm, but farming touches their lives in some way.

Palm Beach County Extension and Progressive Farmer Magazine have teamed up to present this fun-filled educational field day for the rural youth of Palm Beach County.

There is no registration fee and each child will receive a free smoke detector, tee-shirt, hat and lunch.

#### Volunteers needed

The Area Agency on Aging's Foster Grandparent Program is seeking limited-income seniors to volunteer in Glades school classrooms 20 hours a week. Eligible seniors will receive a small stipend and transportation assistance.

For more information, please call 1-800-773-1895.

#### Summer Camp

The Glades Boys & Girls Clubs is sponsoring Summer Camp 2000 in all of the area elementary schools. The camp is open to kids ages 5-18 at the following locations: Gove Elementary, Glade View Elementary, Belle Glade Teen Center, Canal Point Elementary, Rosewood Elementary and Lake Shore Middle.

The camp includes field trips, fishing trips, swimming lessons, trips to see the Florida Marlins, the Miami Seaquarium, Palm Beach International Airport tour, kite flying, model airplanes, nature hikes, plant horticulture, Solid Waste Authority tour, scrap art, Pine Jog tour, the Science Museum and gardening education.

Sessions begin May 30 through June 9, June 12 through June 23, June 26 through July 7, July 10 through July 21, July 24 through August 4 and August 7 through August 11.

Costs vary according to times and registration is open until May 26 or until all spaces are filled.

Participants receive free lunch and t-shirts are available for an additional \$5. The hours of the camp are from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Refunds for fees and field trips must be requested 24 hours in advance. The camp is closed on July 4.

For further information call 992-5300.

#### Play at Pahokee High

The Academy at Pahokee is performing an original production of "A Teenager is..." on Monday evening, May 15 at 7 p.m. and again on Thursday May 18 at 9 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. in the Pahokee Middle/Senior High School Auditorium.

This is a series of playlets that describe life of a teenager's point of view. Topics include teen pregnancy, peer pressure, self-esteem and much more. This will be the first dramatic performance ever at Pahokee High School.

The Director is Debra Zebrowski and technical producers are Michael Conner and William Jones. The event is free.

For more information, call Ms. Zebrowski at 924-6494.

#### Glade View Elementary to host PTA and SAC meetings

There will be a PTA and SAC meeting for parents and the community on Thursday, May 18 at 6 p.m. at Glade View Elementary School.

The agenda includes Glade View's 2000-2001 School Improvement Plan, a Healthy Connections presentation and a performance by the Handbell Choir.

## Attention Parents:

Show your graduating Senior how proud you are of his/her accomplishments.

**The Sun** will publish a special Graduation Section on May 25. It will include photos of all Area Seniors, spotlights on Vals & Sals, and congratulatory ads from area businesses.

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## Protest coverage

I am outraged at the news coverage of the so-called protest against the Pahokee Housing Authority.

There are over 500 houses at Pahokee Housing Authority, yet the protest crowd never grew larger than six people. What does this say? This says that the majority of the tenants did not agree with this nonsense.

First, whenever there is a positive event in the Glades, you cannot drag the media out here. I am a taxpayer who is outraged at the fact that many of my tax dollars go to house people in public housing and the residents allow their kids and others to destroy the houses. I refuse to believe the house shown on the news was that way when the lady moved in.

I have witnessed the positive changes at the housing authority over the years. I feel the directors are right in evicting those who do not take care of the house, those who are committing crimes, selling drugs, and those who do not pay their rent.

Many of them live out there rent free and won't even pick up the paper out of their yards. They want everything given to them on a silver platter. I, for one, am pleased with the management for their "get tough" approach. Kudos to them.

Thank you."

## Housing authority

"I'm a tenant at the Pahokee Housing Authority and I do not agree with the way those protesters did in expressing concerns. Both projects have had several million dollars worth of renovations over the past four years.

You would be amazed how many people take the attitude that "if I break it or tear it up, I won't have to pay for it, the housing authority will."

Just look at Padgett Island. It was painted a year ago. From the looks of it, you cannot tell.

Some parents allow their kids to tear things up. I have personally heard tenants say, "I don't care what gets broken. The housing authority will fix it." This, I think, is a tragedy.

How can they get the tenants to take care of the houses?

I know there are a lot of things yet to get done, but I also know a lot of things have been done. The only thing I'm upset about is why didn't the housing authority take its news crew to see the major improvements in the other development? They should have shown the new, beautiful kitchens in Padgett Island, or the ones at McClure, or the new paintings, windows. Or the new paving at Fremd. Pahokee Housing Authority, keep your heads up and fight back."

## Fire department hiring

"It has come to my attention that the Belle Glade Fire Department has serious staffing problems and hiring practices that adversely affect all Belle

Glade residents.

In November of 1999 the Belle Glade Fire Department once again lost one of its firefighters to a better paying department. This left the fire department understaffed and our homes under-protected.

Instead of five firefighters responding to emergency calls, only four were available for rapid response. Overtime was not instituted to cover this manning shortage for six months. Safety has been compromised to maintain a minimal overtime budget.

In March 2000, the Belle Glade Fire Department finally began the testing and interview process to hire a new firefighter to fill this vacant position.

Due to a lack of public notification, the number of applicants was few. There are several qualifications that are reviewed, for instance, Civil Service test scores, firefighter certification, driving record, and the applicant must be willing to establish residence in Belle Glade within six months of the hire date.

The applicant that the fire department chose to fill this position scored the highest on the Civil Service exam, however, she has an extremely poor driving record. Rather than move on to the next most qualified applicant, instead, the fire department opted to continue to operate understaffed while they waited for several citation points to be cleared off her driving record.

Is the department making an exception because this applicant is female and they need to meet their minority quota of females? If that's the case, it's ludicrous and dangerous.

This week, the applicant's driving record has been cleared of a few points, which now makes her eligible to fill this position. However, when she was contacted and offered the position and hiring date, she was unwilling to meet the residency requirement. She was unwilling to break an existing lease in Wellington. It seems the hiring of a new firefighter to properly staff the fire department will have to wait until this applicant's lease in Wellington has expired. Or, will an exception be made specifically for her?

There are other applicants who met all the necessary requirements three months ago. This sounds like reverse discrimination. It potentially puts the city at risk for unfair hiring practice litigation. As a resident, I don't want my taxes used to legally defend an indefensible position."

Michael R. Miller, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police and Steve Rice, Fire Chief, respond: "Thank you for allowing us to set the record straight in reference to the hiring of qualified firefighters.

1. Public Safety has never been compromised due to staffing problems.

2. At times, four paid firefighters are on shift due to

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VIDEOS



"HE'S AN FBI AGENT... HE GOES WITH THE TAPE TO SEE THAT YOU DON'T COPY IT."

## Letters to the Editor

### Tenants protest unfair and unwarranted

Dear Editor:

I am writing to speak out against the protest held by a few tenants two weeks ago on a Tuesday against the Pahokee Housing Authority. The protest was unfair and unwarranted. I have been the president of the Tenants Association for several years, and we have had problems with the Housing Authority in the past, but not now.

We all have worked hard over the years and have built a good working relationship. Prior to this matter, there has never been a problem with sitting down with Mr. Atkins or Ms. Hale and getting problems resolved, without getting the media involved. This is the right way to do things. The media never comes out here for anything positive, so why should we call them for

negative things? This only hurts the image of our entire community.

I want the public to know that while the protesters concerns may have been legitimate, the protest was not the consensus of the entire tenant body. Most of us totally disagreed with it.

We believe the Housing Authority was not given the opportunity to resolve whatever the issue was. As tenant president, no one brought the problem to me. So, in the future, let us all work with one another and stop working against each other. We can get so much accomplished this way.

Bernice Peterkin  
President of the Pahokee Housing  
Authority Tenants Association

### Thank you Glades teachers

"Dear Editor:

May 8-12 is Teacher Appreciation Week and I'd like to say thank you to Mrs. Perez and Mrs. Spotts at Cove Elementary for the wonderful job they do every day with my daughter, Kasey.

In honor of Mother's Day today, their class had a Mother's Day

breakfast and they put a lot of work into the program to make it a very special time for us mothers. They even arranged to have staff members to sit in for mothers who were unable to take off work to attend today. This was so the children would not be upset and they got to share their work with those staff

members. I thought that was extremely thoughtful of them and I just want to thank them and say happy Teacher Appreciation Week to all of Kasey's teachers.

Sincerely,  
Sherrie Dulany  
Belle Glade

### Divine intervention kept Elian alive

Dear Editor:

Like many Americans I have been pondering the fate of Elian Gonzalez - the yes and no of keeping him here or sending him back to Cuba.

As a person who loves America and our history I wanted to share a quote I came across that was from a speech by Peter Marshall on July 4, 1949 when he was the chaplain of the United States Senate. He said, "Let us as a nation not be afraid of standing alone for the

rights of men. Since we were born that way and the only nation on earth that came into being for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith."

This awakened my spirit that all the men and women of America who died in the wars gone by died that a boy or girl or person given the opportunity could come to America and be free.

I do believe it was divine intervention that kept Elian

alive as he drifted at sea. I believe it would be a mistake for us to send Elian back to a communist-ruled Cuba with a dictator who mocks God and this country.

Let us hope in America the wisdom of freedom still rings as strong today as it has in the past.

Sincerely,  
Clifford H. Stuart  
Canal Point

### A salute to all stepfathers

Dear Editor:

My 18th birthday was April 12 and I took the time to take a look back and analyze my life. I realized that my stepfather played an important role in my life and growing up. He played the role of being a father figure. My biological father abandoned me and for the life of me I can not understand how or why a father would do this to his child.

If you can conceive the child, you should be responsible enough to care for your child.

My stepfather provided me with the love of a father, something I lacked from my real father. To this day he has never

attempted to reach me and vice versa. I hope his actions are always in his thoughts. If I ever plan to see him I will have some questions and comments for him.

My stepfather has provided for me for as long as I can remember and he probably doesn't know it, but I am grateful for his love and support of my goals and ambitions. I will make him proud.

I would like to take this time to say "Thank You Dad for your 18 years of fatherhood and love. I love you dearly with all my heart."

To all those stepfathers out there, I would like to say that

you are the best, not to say that real fathers are not. I salute the stepfathers because you really make a world of difference.

To all the kids/teens who have stepfathers, please treat them with the greatest respect possible because they deserve it and they care about you and love you dearly.

Until next time, take care of yourselves and each other. Peace and love.

Respectfully yours,  
David Ruiz  
Pahokee

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## From May to October expect rain



Mike Lyons

writes Richard Keen in Skywatch East. "Entire cities, from Myrtle Beach to Miami Beach, have settled on marshes and dunes in large part because of this cooling breeze off the ocean."

Like most winds, from dust devils to the Jet Stream, the sea breeze is driven by differences in temperature, specifically the difference in the temperature between the ocean and the land.

During the summer months, sea-surface temperatures along the Florida coast reach the middle 80s. It is a fairly constant temperature, changing only a degree or two over the entire summer.

But the temperature of the land is changing constantly, dropping into the 70s over night and rising quickly to around 90 degrees by the noon hour.

That warm, lighter air begins to rise, allowing the cooler, heavier air to slip in beneath it. The result is the sea breeze, Mother Nature's natural air conditioner.

The impact on our temperatures is remarkable. While most people think of Florida as having a hot, steamy summer, thanks to the sea breeze our summers are actually cooler than other parts of the country. In fact, because of the sea breeze, the temperature has topped 100 degrees just once in our recorded history.

Not only can you feel the sea breeze, you can see it too. The cool sea breeze of the Atlantic Ocean keeps the beaches cloud-free, as a straight line of cumulus clouds continues moving inland.

Still, the sea breeze's most important meteorological role is as a rain producer. The National Weather Service reports that the sea breeze accounts for around 40 percent of the summer rainfall in our region.

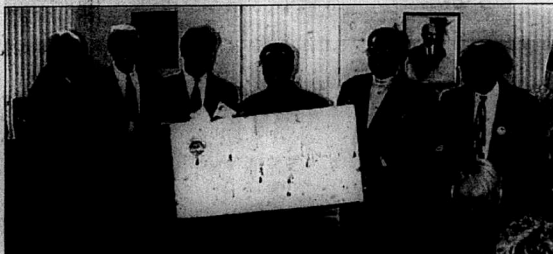
As the sea breeze pushes inland, a zone of convergence, air from different directions coming together, forms near the leading edge of the landward-penetrating ocean air. The air is forced to rise creating a line of shower and thunderstorm activity.

Most of the time, the sea breeze front (as it is sometimes called) marches along the leading edge of the landward breeze with the west coast sea breeze. The result is a period of shower and thunderstorm activity on the west coast.

At other times, the sea breeze heads back toward the east coast. The movement of the sea breeze is determined by upper level winds.

"Partly cloudy with scattered showers," a phrase I say often during the summer months. And, thanks to the sea breeze, the forecast that is rarely wrong.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPTF-TV)



**Bring on the money...** County Commissioner Tony Masilotti delivered a check for \$120,000 to the Pahokee City Commission at a recent city commission meeting. The money will be used to help renovate the Pahokee Marina and Campground. From left, City Commissioners Hugh Branch and Pete Moore, County Commissioner Tony Masilotti, Mayor Roy Singletary, Commissioners Henry Crawford and Keith Babb.

### Speak Out/From Pg. 4

personnel shortage or budget concerns, however, there are always adequate backup firefighters on call who reside in the City of Belle Glade.

3. The Belle Glade Fire Rescue Department is now fully staffed and five firefighters are assigned per shift.

As to the concerns about our recent employment of a highly qualified firefighter, let us state the following:

1. She is a state certified firefighter.

2. She is a state certified EMT.

3. She passed the Civil Service Exam.

4. She went through all normal employment processes.

5. She has a valid Florida drivers license.

6. She has agreed to comply with all provisions of the residency requirements.

I personally interviewed this applicant and found her to be highly motivated and energetic about her employment with the Belle Glade Fire Rescue Department. Chief Rice and I are very proud of the men and women who serve with the Belle Glade Fire Rescue Department and we will continue

to do our best to support the community and Fire Rescue personnel in providing professional fire rescue services."

### Not Little Havana

"Good evening. I'm a frequent subscriber to the Belle Glade Sun. I have a lot of respect for the editor and all the people who work at *The Sun*. I believe that they are, and have been doing a very good job and I certainly appreciate them and respect them.

This comes me because it seems someone wants to ridicule the paper about not printing enough or showing enough about Elian Gonzalez and the protest in the paper.

Now, I am a little agitated about this. If Cubans think they are going to turn Belle Glade into Miami, I think they are making a sad mistake.

Elian is not Jesus Christ and I do not believe the coverage they are seeking is worth it anyway. I believe they had more than enough coverage on Elian in the media."

If they think they are going to turn Belle Glade into Little Havana, they are making a sad mistake.

A lot of us believe the child belongs with his father. This is the

United States of America and we do not want this to be the United States of Cuba and that's what they are heading for and that's not going to work."

### Tired of Elian coverage

"I'm calling in reference to the article I read this week in the *Speak Out* section about the Hispanic woman living in the Glades.

You know, I have to tell you, everybody has dragged that on and on about Elian Gonzalez. Let that poor child go home with his father and be done with it.

My husband and I are from Spanish backgrounds and we are part of the Hispanic population that live in the Glades. You know what? Even the Hispanic people are getting tired of it. Leave the boy alone. We don't need the local newspaper dragging on about it. We hear enough about it every time we turn on the news. We've heard enough. Thank you."

**Editor's note:** We are unable to get in all the *Speak Out* calls we received this week. If you called our *Speak Out* line and do not see your call in this week's edition it should run next week. Thank you for Speaking Out.

## Arrest Blotters

**Editor's Note:** The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

### BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 556 complaints and gave 42 traffic citations the week of May 8-14.

Those arrested included:

May 8 - No arrests made.

May 9 - Timothy Wisper, 22, armed robbery with a firearm, grand theft, two counts of attempted first degree murder, Ineson Augustin, 18, robbery with a firearm, grand theft, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and wearing a mask while committing an offense; Juvenile, 16, robbery with a firearm, grand theft; Juvenile, 17, robbery with a firearm and grand theft and wearing a mask while committing an offense; Adam Martinez, 19, aggravated battery on a pregnant female and resisting an officer without violence; Larry Brown, 43, violation of probation.

May 10 - Melvin Davis, 30, escape, battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer without violence and battery; Bernard Robinson, 46, burglary and petty theft; Hagood Bowles, 50, driving under the influence.

May 11 - John K. Morris, 40, burglary to a structure and theft.

May 12 - Howard Wright, 31, warrants for two counts of aggravated battery, robbery and petty theft; Raymond Moore, 47, burglary to an occupied dwelling and resisting an officer without violence; Freddie Lee Taylor, 33, retail theft.

May 13 - James R. Jones, 22, domestic assault; Aristote Span, 20, retail theft; Jonathan Worthy, 20, aggravated assault with a firearm; Velino White, 35, failure to appear on charges of prostitution.

May 14 - Leon Williams, 34, loitering and prowling; Jan Berry Jefferson, 38, grand theft of a motor vehicle; Eduardo Garcia II, 18, two counts of resisting an officer with violence and possession of marijuana; Latasha Stanley, 21, retail theft, resisting an officer without violence and criminal mischief.

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May 37 - No arrests made.

May 10 - Jimmy Lawler, 18, assault.

May 11 - George Baker Jr., 44, petty theft; Juvenile, 16, criminal mischief, obstruction by a disguised person; Phillip Holmes, 41, aggravated assault.

May 12 - Gerald Simmons, 21, aggravated assault with a firearm and armed robbery; Jean Pierre Vaillancourt, 28, warrant for failure to appear in court.

May 13 - No arrests made.

May 14 - Ingrid Johnson, 39, obstructing and opposing an officer; Everett Pittman, 41, obstructing and opposing an officer; James Anderson, 34, obstructing a firefighter and obstructing an officer; John Knight, 34, auto burglary; Mitchell Harris, 33, false imprisonment, attempted murder and domestic battery.

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## CRIME STOPPERS



Stacy Simona Williams

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Stacy Simona Williams, who is wanted for violation of probation on charges of conducting an organized scheme to defraud, three counts of fraudulent use of a credit card and two counts of grand theft.

Williams is a black female, 5'4" tall, and weighs 160 pounds. She has black hair and brown eyes and her date of

birth is November 5, 1970. Her last known address was 556 13th Street, Belle Glade.

Her last occupation was as a lab assistant. Her warrant was active as of May 9, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Stacy Williams or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

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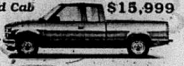
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The Glades Central Thespians performed a show on conflict resolution for the student body.

## Thespians show conflict resolutions

The Glades Central Thespians performed a show on Monday, May 8 for the student body based on conflict resolutions. The show was presented through a grant from the Learn and Serve-Safe Schools office in the District.

The Thespians improvised scenes to show the three main causes of conflict: threat to ego, lack of respect and past experiences. Then they would show the three ways to resolve conflicts—both good and bad and pointed out that confrontation leads to violence. Avoidance may be effective, however, communication is usually the best way. They also performed the play, "Those Wonderful Years," which depicts teen problems and how they are dealt with.

The cast consisted of Junior Amilcar, Pauline Dove, Johnnika Gayle, James Hamilton, Tameka Hanna, Jasmine Harper, Ashley Hatchett, Garland Heath, Carmesia Lawrence, Gracia Mercedes, Toccara Miller, Toccara Putman, Ramie Shanti, Cergile Sinoore, Leonard West, Terrence



Tamika Hanna and Carneishai Lawrence perform during the Thespians show on "Conflict Resolution" to help students see that there are ways out of their problems without using violence.

West, Tommy Woodblock, Jacondria Woodman, Late Woodsman and Kevin Write. They were supported by technical students from the Stagecraft classes: Ebony Burton, Willtara Butts, Jennifer Cannon, Terri Cannon, Daisy Rubella, Albert Doweled, Jean Atoné, Scarlet Flores, Vicky

Flores, Jamiah Ford, Bill Grant, Antonio Hill, Denoris Hodges, Krystal Houze, Kenneth Key, Shawanda Leggett, Yolanda McCallum, Benjamin Morales, Jules Ogling, Tranquil Perry, Vanish Porter, Dulcet Ruin and Neck Sneered.

## Seniors prepare for end of year

The school year is approaching its end for Glades Central High School's graduating class of 2000. Upcoming events include:

- May 19—Second and fourth period exams for seniors taking exams.
- May 19—Last day for seniors.
- May 20—Senior breakfast at Glades Central in the cafeteria at 9:30 a.m.
- May 22—Seniors practice in the gym at 8:30 a.m.
- May 23—Seniors practice in the gym with the band at 8:30 a.m.
- May 23—Senior Honors Night in the gym at 7 p.m.
- May 26—Band concert, 7 p.m.
- Processional for graduating class 7:30 p.m. Project Graduation immediately follows in cafeteria.



The three Glades-area teachers pictured above graduated from Nova Southeastern University April 30 with bachelors degrees in varying exceptionalities. From left are Arrissa P. Young who teaches at the School of Choice, Pahokee, Quesona W. Vereen, who teaches at Pioneer Park, Belle Glade, and Les Tina F. Rumph who teaches at Rosenwald in South Bay.

## Glades area schools to offer summer food program

The School District of Palm Beach County will be sponsoring the "Summer Food Service Program for Children at the following sites:

- Canal Point Elementary, beginning June 14 through Aug. 13.
- Glade View Elementary, beginning June 14 through Aug. 13.
- Gove Elementary, beginning June 22 through July 28.
- Lake Shore Middle, beginning June 22 through July 28.
- Pahokee High School, beginning June 19 through July 27.
- Rosenwald Elementary, beginning June 22 through July 28.

The School District of Palm Beach County is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Summer feeding sites that are located at schools provide meals to

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Palm Beach County Sheriff Richard Neuman spoke to upperclassman at Glades Day School May 3 about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The Sheriff warned the students they shouldn't drink with proms and graduation coming and how easy it could be to see some of their best friends lose their lives due to drinking and driving. He was well received by the students.

## Antonacci to attend Florida Center for Teachers

Larry Antonacci of Glades Central High School has been selected to attend the Florida Center for Teachers program for 2000, a 12 week long all expense paid seminar sponsored by the

Florida Humanities Council. The program is designed to recognize and reward good teaching, and address the critical need for retaining Florida's best teachers. Each seminar is conducted by a leading

scholar in the field. For more information, see the web site at flahum.org or phone the Florida Humanities Council at (813) 272-3473.

## Hiett receives summer institute scholarship

Deborah Hiatt of Glades Central High School is one of 58 Florida teachers to be awarded scholarships for summer in-service institutes in Spain and France.

The Florida Department of Education joined the Spanish Embassy, the Ministry of Education of Spain, Miami-Dade County School District, 17 universities in Spain, the Ministry of Education of France, and the French Embassy to offer training scholarships to Florida teachers.

"These outstanding teachers will have the opportunity to share ideas and join in discussion with educators from other countries and to foster the understanding of other people, their heritage and culture," said Education Commissioner Tom Gallagher.

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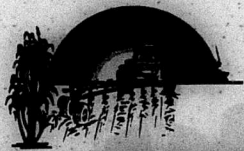
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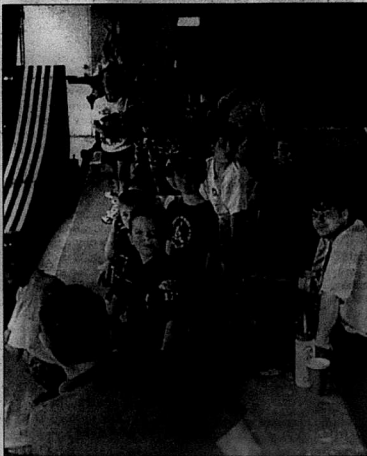
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# Sports this week



Scouts from Belle Glade and Clewiston squirmed off April 29 in the Gulf Stream District's run off of the Pine Wood Derby during "Scout Day."



## Rolle wins golf championship

Leon Rolle, 9, of Pahokee won the championship of the Junior Golf Academy of America putting and chipping skills contest held at Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach May 8. Leon competed against 100 golfers aged 7-18 from Martin, Glades, Hendry, Dade Broward and Palm Beach County to win the tournament.

## Former Glades Central head football coach Milton Watson, area athletes honored at Hall of Fame Dinner

Former Glades Central Head Football Coach Milton Watson was honored during the eighth annual National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame awards dinner held at Cardinal Newman High School in West Palm Beach May 7.

Orlando Mare, place kicker for the Miami Dolphins, was the guest speaker of the event, which also honored Glades Day student Jonathan Lively as the 2000 Treasure Coast Chapter Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Other Glades area honorees, Stephen Messam and Johnny Mullins of Glades Central High School and Joshua Braddock of Glades Day School were among those recognized for their achievements. They were joined by other lake area winners, including Okeechobee County Schools Superintendent Phoebe Raulerson, noted for her contributions to amateur football, and high school athletes Peter Bechtel of LaBelle High School



Glades Central retiring football coach Milton Watson brought some his Championship football players to the Belle Glade Rotary Club meeting May 2. Pictured are, from left to right, Coach Watson, Ali Samara, D'Juan Brown, and Kelvin Hyman.

As 2000 Treasure Coast scholarship Chapter Scholar Athlete of the Year, Lively earned a \$1,000 scholarship. The other athletes each received \$500 scholarships.

## Annual Glades Classic Golf Tourney to benefit Boys & Girls Clubs May 20

The fourth annual Glades Classic Golf Tournament to benefit the Glades Boys and Girls Club will be held Saturday, May 20 at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course.

Registration for the "Two Man Best Ball" tournament is 8 a.m., with tee-off slated for 9 a.m.

Foursome and Tee Sponsorships are \$250.

Individuals, \$50. All golfers will receive a goody bag, free range balls, refreshments and the chance to win many fantastic prizes.

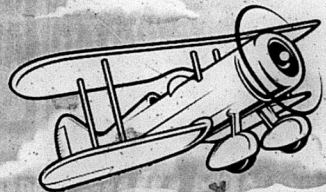
For more information or to register call Brian Lohman at 993-5651 or Dale Morris at 996-8000. You may also register by phoning the golf course at 996-6605.



Glades Day's Jonathan Lively, right, was named Scholar Athlete of the Year, and Josh Braddock, left earned a Scholar Athlete Award during the Hall of Fame dinner. They are pictured with Miami Dolphin place kicker Olindo Mare, center.

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Glades Central administrators Willie McDonald, assistant principal, Gene Campbell and retiring principal Dr. Effie Grear and Reginald Murray are pictured with Myrtle Clayton and Clair Fuller during a retirement celebration in Mrs. Clayton's honor April 29.

## Myrtle Clayton retires after 35 years as media specialist

Myrtle Clayton had always wanted to ride in a limousine, so for her retirement luncheon which was held on April 29, she was transported to Glades Central High School in a black limo. The celebration was held appropriately in the media center where over 75 people attended the luncheon to recognize her career as media specialist.

Mrs. Clayton began her 35-year career in education in Leland, Miss. where she taught two and one half years before coming to Belle Glade. After moving to Belle Glade, she worked for two and one-half years at Belle Glade High under the leadership of Pellon Morris. Then, in 1970, she became the media specialist of the newly formed Glades Central where she remained for the past 30 years with Martin Gold, Roy Cartier, Charles McCurdy and Dr. Effie C. Grear serving as her principals. At Glades Central, she planned and ordered books for two new libraries, which is something that many librarians never experience.

Mrs. Clayton was born Myrtle Biggs in McGee, Ark. She was married to Joe E. Clayton on June 21, 1952 in Lake Village, Ark. She attended McGee High school where she was the valedictorian of her 1953 graduating class. During the next four years, she attended the University of Arkansas and was graduated with a B.S. in education. Her major areas of study were math, science and media

Mrs. Clayton has not only served Glades Central well, but has been involved in the community. She served as: Coast Guard Auxiliary Commander, president and officer of the Belle Glade Civitan Club, a Community United Methodist Church adult Sunday School teacher and chairman of the United Way Fund Raising Drive.

For the retirement luncheon, the media center was beautifully decorated in red and white featuring red and white balloons with matching dinner ware. On every

<p>table was a library book from which a ballon was anchored. A showcase at the entrance to the media center featured pictures of Mrs. Clayton's life from childhood through her tenure as media specialist.</p> <p>After a welcome and introductions by Laura Hoard, a prayer was delivered by Sydney Smith. A delicious lunch of roasted turkey and baked ham with accompanying salads was then served. While guests were lunching, Moiré Konchellah sang "Home," the song with which she won a superior in the 1995 Thespian competition. Sarah Bennett and Sonja Lutz then presented an original poem dedicated to Mrs. Clayton. Next, Sarah Bennett read, "When I'm an Old Woman," and presented Mrs. Clayton with a purple umbrella.</p>	<p>table was a library book from which a ballon was anchored. A showcase at the entrance to the media center featured pictures of Mrs. Clayton's life from childhood through her tenure as media specialist.</p> <p>After a welcome and introductions by Laura Hoard, a prayer was delivered by Sydney Smith. A delicious lunch of roasted turkey and baked ham with accompanying salads was then served. While guests were lunching, Moiré Konchellah sang "Home," the song with which she won a superior in the 1995 Thespian competition. Sarah Bennett and Sonja Lutz then presented an original poem dedicated to Mrs. Clayton. Next, Sarah Bennett read, "When I'm an Old Woman," and presented Mrs. Clayton with a purple umbrella.</p>
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Mayor Harma Miller began the community presentation with a proclamation from the City of Belle Glade. The proclamation celebrated Mrs. Clayton's career as a librarian in the Palm Beach County school system and her "30-year commitment as librarian for Glades Central High School" where "she assisted many teachers and students in securing the appropriate research materials and empowered our youth to read for both knowledge and enjoy-

Following Mayor Miller's proclamation Dr. Grear presented Mrs. Clayton with a plaque acknowledging her dedication to Glades Central High School.

A total surprise to Mrs. Clayton was a dedication made by her four children, Sharon Clayton, Juan Sanchez, Janet Fleeter and Carol Servia. This dedication emphasized their mother's "sacrifice, dedication and commitment to your family and community in serving as the Librarian and Media Specialist" for both Belle Glade High School and Glades Central High School." The dedication further read that Mrs. Clayton "changed our lives, just as your kindness forever touched the lives of all."

of teachers and students with whom you worked." Because of the tenets that the dedication set forth, a Myrtle Biggs Clayton Scholarship was established by her children to "recognize a college-bound senior who sets an example for others through their pursuit of knowledge beyond the classroom, scholarship or athletic achievement and who is guided by his or her faith in God and who exhibits a generosity of spirit and a ready willingness to help others." Mrs. Clayton will choose the first recipient of this scholarship and will present it on Senior Class night, Tuesday, May 23.

Following the family dedication, Laura Hoard and Sonja Lutz presented Mrs. Clayton with a name tag recognizing her as the official president of the Coffee Club. This heartfelt presentation was to acknowledge all the years in which Mrs. Clayton has prepared coffee in the media center for the faculty.

After Betty Guy and Angie Culler spoke kind words about the honored retiree, Lila Pickup-Crawford, media specialist, gave a PowerPoint presentation which emphasized the highlights of Mrs. Clayton's career. This technological memory books was presented to Mrs. Clayton to serve as a remembrance of her career.

Memorance of her career.  
Mrs. Pickup-Crawford's delightful presentation as followed by words from Pellon Morris, Sharon Clayton, Betty Guy, Willie Pyfrom, Judy Clayton Sanchez, Desmond Harriott, and Janet Felletter. Joe Clayton delivered the final words of praise for his wife and her career.

Contributors to the retirement celebration were: Frank Britton, Glen Hoard, Mark Schultz, Sarah Bennett, Sonja Lutz, Lila Pickup, Crawford, Zarak Lawson, Moira Konchellah, Cartheda Mann, Angela Culler, Barbara Dykes, Carol Aviak, Sharon Clayton, Katherine Henry, Dr. Grear, Linda Gray and Coordinator Laura Hoard. Phyllis and Jim Wilkins served as caterers for the event.



Pahokee Deputy City Clerk Gayle Prignano, right, swears in Pahokee's newly elected mayor and commissioners at the commission's regular meeting May 9. Pictured from left are Commissioners Pete Moore, Keith Babb and Hugh Branch and Mayor Roy Singletary. Commissioner Henry Crawford, not pictured, was selected by the commissioners to serve as the city's vice mayor. (Photo by Tracy Whirl)

## Dr. Grear to be honored during Spring Gala

Glades Central Principal Dr. Effie C. Grear will be recognized as a Community Honoree during the African American Artists Cultural and Heritage Showcase second annual Spring Gala, Saturday, May 20 at 6 p.m. at the Suncoast High School Auditorium, Riviera Beach.

Live entertainment for the Spring Gala 2000 include up and coming vocalist Barbara Smith, April and Janese Jiles, liturgical dance by the Orita Dancers.

Featured visual artists included Keith D. Walker, Anthony Burks, Miami-based artist Ise Williams and Zenobia Jefferson of Fort Pierce. Featured guest artist is actress and singer Persephone Felder-Fentress, an instructor at Fisk University's Theater Department and former dean of theatre at West Palm Beach's School of the Arts, who was featured in the Broadway musical "Dream Girls."

presents exhibitions, seminars and lectures by and about artists of color. Proceeds from the Spring Gala 2000 will go toward art education programs for underserved youth in Palm Beach County and operating funds for the Historic Jenkins House. Tickets for the evening are \$40, \$45 at the door. Children under 12 are \$25. For information or reservations, call Rhonda Felder at (561) 841-0404.



Palm Beach County Sheriff's candidate Fred Mascaro, center, was the guest of the Pahoekke Rotary Club at their regular meeting May 4. He is pictured with Rotary president Elizabeth Cavson, left, and former Rotary president Dania Roberts, right.

## Xi Zeta Mu asks 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?'

The regular monthly meeting of XI Zeta Mu was held Monday, April 24 at the home of Pat McKee.

Mrs. McKee served as hostess and was assisted by Karen Corbin. The evening's gift raffle winner was Sandra Chamblee.

Following the business meeting a program was presented—a spoof of the popular television show, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

This evening's version was "Who wants to be a Xi Zeta Mu Millionaire?" It was hosted by Regis Philbin's twin sister "Regina."

"life lines." Prizes were awarded to all. Members enjoyed many laughs while reviewing their knowledge of Beta Sigma Phi.

## Obituary

**Robert Jerry Mercer**, 16, of Clewiston died May 11, 2000 at Clewiston. He was born Nov. 28, 1983 at Pahokee to Jay Mercer and Emily (Lynn) Mercer. Robert was a member of Boy Scout Troop 619 and the Clewiston High School Band.

Survivors include his parents, Jay and Joyce Mercer of Clewiston; two sisters, Lana Mercer of Clewiston and Jessica Franzga of Kingstons, Ala.; paternal grandfather Jerry Frank Mercer of Gray, Ga.; maternal grandparents Bob Lynn of Vero Beach and Patricia Lynn of Belle Glade and a maternal great-grandmother, Mildred Smith of Daisy, Ga.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 17 at the Akin-Davis Funeral Home in Clewiston with the Rev. David Paul officiating.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home of Clewiston.

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## South Bay PD investigates armed robbery

The South Bay Police Department is actively investigating a motel room invasion robbery and attempted murder of a guest of a local South Bay motel on US 27 in South Bay. The incident occurred just after midnight on May 6. The victim had traveled to the area on May 3 on local business and was in possession of a substantial amount of money.

Unknown masked suspects, possibly familiar with the victim's business, daily routine, vehicle and choice of motel, burglarized the victim's vehicle parked outside the motel and then forcibly entered the motel room by smashing out the window and severely beat the victim over the head with a tire wrench or other object.

It is unknown if the suspects fled the scene on foot or by vehicle, or their direction of flight. The only items taken by the suspect was a purple nylon athletic bag containing clothes and an Optimus Brand, portable plug-in compact disc



Sgt. Michael Madden, right, of the South Bay Police Department, received a certificate of appreciation for law enforcement excellence from the Palm Beach County Bar Association for his help in making Law Day an occasion for Americans to learn more about the law, the responsibilities of citizenship and the principles of democratic government. He is pictured here being congratulated by South Bay Police Chief Danny Jones.

player for a vehicle, without the cord.

Anyone with any information is strongly encouraged to contact the South Bay Police

Department at (561) 996-6511 or (561) 996-6512. All information will remain confidential and any caller can remain anonymous.



On Friday, May 5, South Bay Correctional Facility staff conducted a blood drive and car wash to benefit South Florida Blood Banks. Spearheaded by warden Joe Black and his assistant Tina Jefferson, nearly 100 SBC employees donated blood. South Florida Blood Banks Palm Beach County Area Manager said more than 300 lives will be saved through the blood donated by the employees. The warden hosted a barbecue luncheon for the donors, who each received a "Super Donor" t-shirt.



A group of Pahokee Housing Authority residents and former residents gathered outside the Housing Authority Office May 2 to protest what they described as unfair evictions and failure to make needed repairs and address other residents' concerns. Pictured are Alicia Kelly, who was evicted, along with two of her children, Annice Boyd, vice president of the Frenid Village tenant association, Jennifer Hester, Catherine Vighams and Dorothy Seymour.

## Friends of State House candidate Harper host campaign kick off

The friends of James "Hank" Harper, Jr. candidate for the Florida House of Representatives, District 84, hosted a campaign kick-off fundraiser and barbecue Saturday, May 13 at Redemption Pointe by the Lake in West Palm Beach.

Mr. Harper is the former legislative aide to State Representative Addie L. Greene who is stepping down due to term limits. Mr. Harper resigned his position as Ms. Greene's legislative aide last week to run for her seat. State House rules prohibit House employees also being candidates for public office.

Mr. Harper has over six years of combined experience working in the Florida Legislature for 4 years with Representative Greene and two years as legislative aide to former state senator Matt Meadows.

Locally, Mr. Harper has served as president of the Young Democrats of Palm Beach County, vice-chair of the Urban League of Palm

Beach County and as a board member of the Minority Business Certification Task Force, the Pahokee Youth

Development Quality Assurance Committee and the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America.

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DHHS branch manager Robby Griffin, right, is assisted by two students from the PEPPi Head Start program in breaking ground for the new facility to be completed in Belle Glade in a little over 200 days on land donated by Dolly and Homer Hand of Belle Glade.

## PEPPI Head Start Program breaks ground for new addition in Belle Glade

Lutheran Services Florida board members, Department of Health and Human Services staff and local officials turned out Thursday for the groundbreaking for the new PEPPI Head Start Facility to be built at 200 SW 9th Street in Belle Glade.

"During the past 17 years, PEPPI Head Start has grown from two to nine classrooms and has served more than 3,500 children. The new addition located nearby will provide expanded classroom space giving the program the ability to serve many more children in need."

When Lutheran Services Florida founded the PEPPI (Pre-school Education Program with Parental Involvement) Head Start Program in 1983 in the impoverished area of Belle Glade, the goal was to improve the quality of life for at-risk, pre-school children from low-income families with two work-

ing parents. The program succeeded by providing comprehensive services including safe childcare, teaching children basic educational skills and assisting parents with referrals to medical, dental and mental health professionals. In addition, all children in the program receive a nutritious and well-balanced breakfast, lunch and mid-afternoon snack every day. Parents are required to actively participate in school activities, to volunteer regular-

ly to maintain the school building and grounds, and to serve on the Parent Committee and Policy Council.

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## Pahokee Youth Facility hosts Family Day

Sago Palm Academy staff and residents welcomed family members Saturday, May 13 in recognition of Mother's Day.

Guests were entertained by the youth and enjoyed a barbecue all planned and prepared by the residents of the facility.

"A tremendous amount of preparation went into this event," said Sally Patterson, facility administrator. "We wanted this to be a memorable event for all concerned."

Sago Palm Academy is a secured Level 8 male youthful offender facility, managed by Securior New Century and under contract with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and the Palm Beach County School District. For information regarding the facility, contact Alice Thompson, community liaison at (561) 924-2210, ext. 362.

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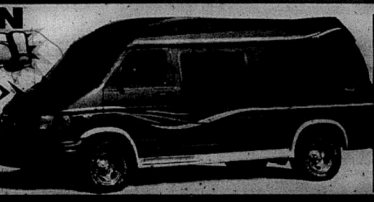
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